

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND WELFARE

There was an **Abstinence walk** took place on the 6th- 7th June 2007 at Mbazwana to Mseleni and from Phelandaba to Manguzi. The theme for the walk was part of HIV/ AIDS prevention awareness to keep the youth in prevention with drugs, sex, alcohol and crime. The participation was very successful and encouraging.

There was a **Lethimpilo Launch Project** which was introduced by the office of the Premier and Department of Education. The purpose of the Lethimpilo Campaign started when the Department of Education requested the assistance with support coordinating of schools as an inclusive Care and Support of Children and Elders. The aim was to select the certain school/s that would be a centre of rendering the services to the Community, because it has seen that lots of people cannot reach the Government sector. The Programme / Project is called Lethimpilo Programme. It should be a sustainable and should have Action Plan. The identified places are disadvantaged area. The launch took place on the 11th June 2008, at Mshanguzana School and on the 12th June 2008 it was at Bhekabantu Primary.

WOMEN'S PROGRAMME

The formation of women's forum was firstly established from the ward level, two women were selected to represent the Umhlabyalingana women's forum on the 19 June 2008. The Programmes of women are done as per IDP. There is women's summit which is prepared to be on September 2008

YOUTH PROGRAMME

The National youth day celebration took place on the 25th June 2008, at Mtikini ward 9. The youth desk structure was formed on the 23 May 2008 from ward level. On the 13 June 2008, the Department of Housing conducted the training for young/youth entrepreneurs, 10 youth of uMhlabuyalingana attended the training, at Richards Bay. The youth participated in sport and in Art and Culture and other activities.

ART AND CULTURE

There was Shono Mzayoni Competition which was on the 4th August **2007**, at Tembe Tribal Hall, five wards with 7 groups participated, the first group got a big trophy with R500, 2nd group got middle trophy with R 300 & 3rd Group got small trophy with R 200. It was a big success. It was also participated in the District Shono Mzayoni which was on the 20th October **2007**, at Makhasa Tribal Hall.

On the 28th to 30th September **2007**, the annual reed dance ceremony took place at Nongoma, in eNyokeni. The girls' attended the ceremony.



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The Municipality provided with the transport to all Umhlabuyalingana tribes.

WARD COMMITTEE

There are 13 wards under uMhlabuyalingana Municipality, each ward have ward committee structure which reports direct to the ward Councilor about the needs or issues of the ward Committee always holds meeting once a month. Each member claim R 80.00 council support budget if he/she attends the meeting.

REFUSE REMOVAL / WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Municipality has an Integrated Waste Management Plan which was done by the consultant as per IDP. The consultant worked with the 3 towns under uMhlabuyalingana which are Manguzi, Skhemelele and Mbazwana. The Department usually purchase refuse bags for these towns.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

The UMhlabuyalingana Municipality established the Traffic Department and employed the Chief Traffic Officer who is Mr. K.H Zulu in June 2008.

KZN Department of Traffic has provisional approved the establishment of Driving Licence Testing Centre Grade-E. MEC – KZN Department of Transport has been notified about the establishment of Traffic Department in terms of Section 3 of Road Traffic Act no. 29 of 1989.

Application for Accreditation has been completed and submitted to the SAPS Manguzi in term of Firearms Control Act no. 20 of 2000.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

The Disaster management was in partnership between uMhlabuyalingana and Umkhanyakude District which was Rural Metro, but due to other circumstances they discontinued working and moved back to Umkhanyakude District

CRIME PREVENTION

On previous year the Manguzi and Mbazwana SAPS, and the Community Policing Forum took an initiative of fighting with crime. There were reports submitted in the Municipality as well as in the Police stations. The Programme discontinue due to the financial constrains.

PARK AND GARDENS

There is no budget

POUNDING

There is no budget, but since the Municipality has developed the Protection Department, it will assist the pound Programme

OUR VISION

We want to see ourselves as the most democratic and developmental municipality in South Africa that will enhance socio-economic growth for all people.

MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENTAL VISION

The vision underpins an integrated approach to improving the standard of living of all people in the area of Umhlabuyalingana area. In order to achieve this vision, the municipality will have to persist functioning in an accountable and financial sound manner.

MISSION

"To create an enabling environment and sustainable development which promotes equality and, freedom, poverty reduction and quality of life for our communities.

CONCLUSION

Although our municipality seems to have more challenges, the objectives of the Department are to work hard on the few Programme that are mentioned and also to meet deadlines.



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UMHLABUYALINGANA LED AGRICULTURE PROGRAMME

Agriculture is one of the Umhlabuyalingana economic pillars, predominantly subsistence oriented farming has been not even a supplement but source of food for food security. Our area is subdivided into a number of farming regions according to climate, natural vegetation, soil type and the type of farming practice that is why in Umhlabuyalingana LED Strategy agriculture has been identified as a major economic activity practiced by the local communities. Further quite a number of community based agricultural projects have proposed during the IDP forums of the municipality. Therefore, on the following section the LED department will be reporting on agricultural activities (service delivery) that has taken place during 2007/2008 financial years.

MUNICIPAL TRACTOR SERVICE

The municipality has got two tractors solely for ploughing community based agricultural projects and cooperatives. In this financial year of 2007/2008, in total the municipality has cultivated 4200 hectares of land from all wards of the municipality. All projects that were cultivated must come from the IDP. It is the function of ward councilor to submit projects that need tractor.

In our monitoring and evaluation process visiting the projects statistically, it indicates that 125 community members have created business opportunities for themselves through agricultural projects.